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1. SUMMARY. COUNSELLOR MAKOTO TANIGUICHI OF JAPANESE MISSION IN GENEVA HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH HIS OBSERVATIONS OF GROUP 77 MEETING. HE REPORTS THAT LATIN AMERICANS AND AFRICANS ARE DIVIDED ON COMMODITIES AND IMPROVED ACCESS TO DEVELOPED MARKETS (LOME CONVENTION). SPLIT HAS RESULTED IN STRUGGLE OVER CHAIRMANSHIP OF WORKING GROUP I, AND COMPROMISE MAY LIE IN FURTHER REFERENCE TO UNGA RES. 3362 (S-VII). TANIGUICHI EXPECTS GROUP TO WORK FOR STRENGTHENING OF UNCTAD OR ITS TRANSFORMATION INTO A NEGOTIATING AND DECISION-MAKING BODY. DEBT REDEMPTION BANK, HE BELIEVES, NOW APPEARS TO BE A DEAD ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS ON FEBRUARY 5 COUNSELLOR MAKOTO TANIGUCHI SAID THAT THE MAJOR ISSUES AT THE GROUP OF 77 MEETING WERE, IN HIS VIEW, COMMODITIES, LOME CONVENTION, AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. TANIGUCHI, ON BASIS HIS GENEVA CONTACTS WITH THE GROUP OF 77, WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE FOLLOWING INFORMAL VIEW OF PROGRESS OF MEETING.

3. COMMODITIES. THIS IS LOOMING AS THE MAJOR ISSUE AT THE CONFERENCE AND HAS THE MAKINGS OF A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE AFRICANS AND THE LATIN AMERICANS. THE LATTER INSISTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP I AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING BE AN ASIAN BECAUSE THEY FELT THAT ONLY AN ASIAN COULD BE NEUTRAL. IT TOOK ALL MORNING OF FEBRUARY 3 BEFORE AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON THE CHAIRMANSHIP, AND IN THE END IT WAS AMBASSADOR KENNETH DADZIE OF GHANA WHO WAS CALLED UPON TO TAKE THE JOB. HE HAS NO BACKGROUND ON COMMODITIES AND HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN GENEVA AND NEW YORK ON REFORM OF THE UN SYSTEM. MEXICO WAS SELECTED AS THE VICE CHAIRMAN CUM RAPPORTEUR.

4. THE AFRICANS MANAGED TO INSERT INTO PARAGRAPH 7 OF THE SENIOR OFFICIALS WORKING GROUP I REPORT (UU/MM(III)/12) A LIST OF COMMODITIES WHICH REFLECTED AFRICAN INTERESTS AND PRODUCTS. THE LATINS WISHED TO POSTPONE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LIST, WHILE THE AFRICANS INSISTED ON PROCEEDING AHEAD AT THIS MEETING. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE LATINS WERE MORE IDEOLOGICAL AND INSISTED ON INDEXATION WHICH SHOWED UP IN PARAGRAPH 5(E).

5. TANIGUCHI BELIEVED THAT THE HARD CORE OF COMMODITIES OF INTEREST TO THE THREE REGIONAL GROUPINGS WOULD CONSIST OF COCOA, COFFEE, COPPER, HARD FIBERS, IRON ORE, JUTE, RUBBER, SUGAR, TEA, AND TIN. AGREEMENT ON A BUFFER STOCK SCHEME APPEARS SUBSTANTIAL IN PRINCIPLE, BUT THE COMMON FUND FOR ITS FINANCING IS A MAJOR OBSTACLE. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE OPEC COUNTRIES WOULD AGREE TO FINANCE THE COMMON FUND AND EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM OVER MANILA PRESS REPORTS THAT THE OPEC COUNTRIES WERE WILLING TO PUT UP \$800 MILLION. THESE PRESS REPORTS MIGHT BE NO CONFIDENTIAL

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MORE THAN A FORM OF PRESSURE ON THE OPEC COUNTRIES, PERHAPS AS FIRST STEP TOWARDS A BURDEN SHARING (PRODUCERS, CONSUMERS, OPEC) ON A MATCHING BASIS.

6. LOME CONVENTION. IMPROVED ACCESS TO DEVELOPED MARKETS, SPECIFICALLY THE EEC, OWES MORE TO THE DESIRE OF LATIN COUNTRIES SUCH AS BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA (ACCORDING TO TANIGUCHI) THAN TO AN ASIAN PROPOSAL (AS INDICATED BY

BRAZILIAN CONSUL ALVIRO GUERGEL DE ALENCAR NEPO, ALSO FROM GENEVA, AS REPORTED REFTEL). ACCORDINGLY, THE AFRICAN/LATIN SPLIT ECOMPASSES THE TWO MAJOR ISSUES AT THE CONFERENCE.

7. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. TANIGUICHI CONFIRMED THAT THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT MARCOS HAS NO SUPPORT IN THE CONFERENCE. INDEED, IT HAS NO SUPPORT WITHING THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION. TANIGUICHI STATED THAT THE IDEA WAS PLANTED IN THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH (WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED IN DFA BY PABLO SUAREZ) BY "DIRECTOR GENERAL JIMINEZ OF THE DFA UN BUREAU" WHO WAS INTERESTED IN ASSERTING ECOSOC PRIMACY BY BRINGING UNCTAD UNDER ECOSOC VIA THE ROUTE OF A SPECIALIZED AGENCY.

8. THE GROUP OF 77, ACCORDING TO TANIGUICHI, IS WELL AWARE OF THE DISADVANTAGES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE ADVANTAGES OF UNCTAD BEING A SUBSIDIARY BODDY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THESE INCLUDE NOT ONLY THE TIES WITH THE UN BUDGET AND UNGA ITSELF BUT ALSO ITS EFFECTIVENESS AS A PRESSURE GROUP ON THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS IMF. THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE THEREFORE INTERESTED IN STRENGTHENING UNCTAD, TRANSFORMING IT INTO A NEGOTIATING AND DECISION-MAKING BODY. FOR COSMETIC EFFECT, THEY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING GIVING IT A NEW NAME -- UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION (UNOTEC).
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